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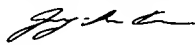
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Dear Sir:

The reference(s) listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in a corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report dated January 2, 2003 is enclosed herewith. Applicants submit the reference(s) in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these reference(s) of official record in this application.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the references enclosed herewith were first cited in a search report from a foreign patent office less than three months before the filing date of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this IDS. However, should the Commissioner determine that additional fees are required for filing the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our deposit account number 50-1217 (Order No. NETAP005).

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